WORK AHEAD FOR CONGRESS

Plenty to Keep the Short Session Active Until Its Close.

APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE BILLS LEAD

Mearaguan Canal and Ship Subsidy Measures to Receive Consideration and Army and Navy Establishments Are There.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 .- (Special.)-When the Fifty-sixth congress meets on ing army law for a year, which would carry Monday, December 3, next, for its final it over until June 20, 1902. session it will and enough to do to occupy

terest which congress will be called upon which Admiral Dewey is the head. ing a bill to reduce this class of taxes. But it reaches the recommendations. The brewers and the proprietary medicine men are insistent in their demands for a

Canal Bill in Senate.

commission after another to examine and | meets will have to be enlarged. report upon routes. The house acted withof these commissions and the senate will favorably reported to one house or the not delay action for it. Therefore it is other. Among these are bills reported by understood that the report of the Walker Senator Nelson, providing for a Department bling of congress.

escapes with the existing tax of 2 cents substitutes remain where it is now, 2 cents other, a pound, but to require those articles to be put up for sale in packages not less than a pound, or half-pound, each package bearing its appropriate revenue stamp, and be sold only in such original stamped packages, exactly as smoking tobacco is sold, the covering of each package to bear the correct description of the article it contains. The Grout bill is a special order bill. If the Grout bill passes the house, the fight against it will be kept up in the will militate against its final enactment.

Payne-Hanna Ship Subsidy. In both houses favorable reports have

been made upon a bill to promote the com-United States, and to provide auxiliary eruisers, transports and seamen for government use when necessary. This is commonly known as the shipping subsidy bill. Senator H and in the house by of the committee on commerce, and in the house by General Gresvenor, who succeeded Mr. Payne as chairman of the merchant marine and fisheries. The friends of this measure urge it upon the ground that only by granting reasonable substities to American vessels can this country restore its merchant marine, keep at home the millions now paid out for ocean transportation of goods and passengers and provide a supply of seamen and transports in time of war. They declare that the merchant marine of every other maritime country has been built up and is maintained by a similar system of subsidies, and that unless the United States proposes deliberately to lag in the race it must adopt the same methods. The measure will take several millions augually from the treasury and divide it between the United States and foreign countries on a basis of speed and tonnage and under conditions that will enable the government in the event of war to take possession of the vessels, profiting from the subsidies.

There are a number of hills reported favorably to the senate that sim to secure to the people pure food, water, drugs, etc. have been in progress yesterday and today Senator Mason has reported one to prevent the manufacture of adulterated food. Senator Proctor has reported one to prevent the false branding or making of food formances. It is a modification of the old or dairy products as to the state or territory in which they are made or produced. Representative Sherman has reported the same bill favorably to the house. Senator Gallinger has reported favorably to the senate a bill to regulate the production and sale of milk and cream in and for the District of Columbia. Senator Vest has favorably reported a bill for the investigation of pollution of water supplies. in the house Representative Barham has reported favorably a bill to prevent the adulteration, misbranding and imitation of foods, beverages, candies, drugs and condiments in the District of Columbia and the territories and for regulating interstate

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traffic therein. These bills all and singu lar will have to take chances that are not the best for consideration and passage in

what remains of this congress. Army and Navy Establishments.

Legislation of some sort will have to be enacted for the army at this session. The army now numbers about 180,000 men. about 65,000 regulars and 35,000 volunteers. but as the law stands the whole force will be reduced to the number in service prior o the Spanish war, about 25,000 men. Any general legislation for the army will involve the whole question of reorganization and congress may not want to go into it at the coming session. In that event it is intended to tide matters over by the adoption of a resolution continuing the exist-

A large increase in the naval establishits working hours in the short span of ment will undoubtedly be authorized. The rectly upon the queer and accidental dislegislative life remaining to it. Of vital Navy department will ask for thirty-two coveries of gold nuggets. The remances Importance are the regular appropriation new vessels, comprising three 15,000-ton are more pientiful than the naggets. Yet bills, which carry the money necessary to battleships, two 15,090-ton armored thousands upon thousands of nuggets rangkeep in operation the various departments, cruisers, six 2,000- ten gunboats, six 600- ing in value from \$50 to thousands of dollegislative, executive and judicial, of the ton gunboats, ten 200-ton gunboats, three lars, and even up to more than \$100,000, government. Besides the regular appro- 15,000-ton colliers, one 7,000-ton re- have been found from time to time, priation bills there will probably be a pair ship and one 7,000-ton marine in some instances, relates the New York river and harbor bill passed at this ses- transport. The Board of Construction has Sun, the chains of circumstances which led sion, the last session having let this meas- decided to emit all torpedo boats, whether up to the discovery of these fortunes, both One of the questions of most general in mended by the general navy board, of romance of accident as it is possible to to decide at the coming session is what other respects the recommendations of the lars have literally been kicked about and reduction can be made in internal revenue | boards are practically the same. Con- trampled over for years until by some curitaxation. Chairman Payne has called the gress will have to decide as to the carry- our coincidence persons utterly inexpert in committee on ways and means to meet ing out of this plan of naval increase. on November 20 to begin the work of fram- There will be some increase whether or

Effect of the Census.

The new census devolves upon congress reduction of taxation on their products, the duty of making a new apportionment of but before their wishes will be complied representatives among the states. Just what with the committee will prefer to give re- the basis of representation will be no one Hef to the public in general by repealing new knows, but it is apt to be in the the stamp taxes on telegraphic dispatches, neighborhood of 200,000. It will hardly be express packages, commercial paper, deeds, less than that figure and it is not likely to mortgages and bank checks and drafts, be fixed above 210,000. The former figures It will probably be found necessary to let would add some twenty members to the the rest of the taxation remain as it is house, while the latter would leave it about for a season, owing to the great expense where it is. There is no desire to increase entailed by the government by the troubles the number of representatives materially. in China and other abnormal conditions, but, on the other hand, no state wants to lose in the matter of representation. These The Hepburn bill will provide for the are the two points that will have to be kept construction of a canal connecting the steadily in view. The house has now 357 waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans members. The new apportionment may (the Nicaragua bill), which passed the shove the number up to 375 or more. In house at the last session; it will come up that case the floor of the house, already unfor consideration in the senate under a comfortably crowded, will become packed, special order on Monday. December 10, at or else desks for members will have to be 2 o'clock p. m. It will come before the done away with. Chairs or benches without senate every day at that hour until it is writing deaks, with reading and writing disposed of. Its passage is assured if it rooms in the rear, were always desired by can reach a vote. A bill to provide for the former Speaker Reed when he was in conconstruction of this great waterway would gress. If the number of members increases have passed long ago had it not been for much either this plan will have to be the delays caused by the sending of one adopted or the chamber in which the house

There are some other measures that may out waiting upon the report of the latest be acted upon, some of which have been commission, as the latest is called, will of Commerce, the head of which is to have telegraphic communication between the In the house the first measure to be United States, Hawail, Guam, the Philip-Grout bill to tax colored eleomargarine 19 Adams' bill for the reorganization of the cents a pound, while the uncolored article consular service; a bill establishing two "big tree" parks in California; a bill proa pound. It is not proposed to tax colored viding for the gathering, preservation and butter. Chairman Wadsworth of the com- printing of historical records in the various many discovered in the early days no record mittee on agriculture is opposed to the states, and any number of other public bills. has been preserved, but prior to 1869 a list Grout bill. Mr. Wadsworth proposes to let to say nothing of private and pension bills of finds was compiled by William Birkthe tax on eleomargarine and other butter that ought to be disposed of one way or the myre, an Australian assayer of high stand-

CONFIRMATION NOT NEEDED

President's Appointment of International Arbeiters Will Not Reguire Senate's Ratification.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 .- Attorney Gen-6, and it will be of the international arbitration committee, rested upon stiff, red clay and was barely disposed of in the house that week, the selected by the president under the terms covered with earth; in fact, it was in the than tiny flakes or bits the size of pinfirst of the session. A very stiff fight will of the treaty agreed upon by The Hague rut made by the puddler's cart the treasure heads and it never occurred to him that be made against the Grout bill, which will peace conference, are not subject to con- was noticed. It measured about twenty- gold could be found in any such mass as that find its greatest strength probably in an firmation by the senate of the United States. effort to substitute for it the Wadsworth The president has already selected former President Harrison and former Senator George Gray of Delaware as members of senate, where the shortness of the session this commission and they have accepted. Former President Cleveland was invited to members are yet to be selected. After the appointments were made a question arose merce and increase the foreign trade of the as to whether the president would have to gave to their friends a number of specisend the nominations to the senate for ratification and Attorney General Griggs was called upon for an opinion. He has rendered one to the effect that the members It was originally introduced in the senate of the commission are not officers of the United States within the meaning of the Representative rayne, then chairman of the statutes. They are not required to take the committee on merchant marine and fish- oath of allegiance to the United States, and eries, now chairman of ways and means are in fact simply members of a commisand floor leader of the republicans, and sion selected by the president of the United who says he thinks it will become law States, whose services may be availed of by this session. In the senate the favorable other countries in the settlement of conreport is made by Senator Frye, chairman troversies to which the United States is not a party. Their remuneration, in case their services are required, is to be provided for by the countries for which they act as arbiters.

> Granger Urges Dairy Legislation. WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 .- Today's session of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, was devoted to addresses. George islation protecting state trade marks for cheese. He advocated legislation to prevent dairy products. Aaron Jones of Indiana, parently waterworn, contained about ten fortnight's actual work. worthy master of the grange, pointed out what the grange was doing to promote various legislative matters. About three- in breadth and 7 inches in depth. The Welscore agricultural chemists attended the meeting as a body.

Tests with Big New Naval Gun. WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 .- Important tests f the new 12-inch naval gun, which is the ype of the great guns to be furnished to the new battleships and armored cruisers, at Indian Head proving grounds. The gun is the first of forty for the new ships and much interest has been shown in its per-12-inch gun, with an enlarged chamber suited to the use of smokeless powder and designed to take much heavier charges and to secure a higher velocity and penetration than the old gun. The firing thus far has justified every expectation as to the new

Tenderness or aching in the small of the back is a serious symptom. The kideys are suering. Take Prickly Ash Bitters at once. It is a reliable kidney remedy and system regulator and will cure the trouble before it develops its dangerous

Warrants for Alleged Lynchers. ATLAN'IA, Ga., Nov. 16.—A special to the areal from Greensbore, N. C., says sage Thomas J. Shaw of the superior or this issued bench warrants for six of alleged to have been implicated in a ent lynching. The warrants were issued or the grand jury had falled to return a bills. Judge Shaw summoning three of jurors as wike ses. The crime was conted some weeks are, a negto being ynched near Rutherford for killing a white

Remembered by Lord Bute. Remembered by Lord Buie.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 16.—Monsignor T. J. Capel has been bequeathed by the late Lord Bute of England an income of 1500 per year for the rest of his life in Lord Benconsileid's novel "Lothair" Monsignor Capel is portrayed under the name of Monsignor Capel is portrayed under the himself figuring in the work as Lothair. For several years Monsignor Capel has been living in retirement at Arno in this county.

Seen only three menths in the colony.

A California Flad.

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Martin Water for the colony.

A California Flad.

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FORTUNE'S GOLDEN CHUNKS

Lucky Finds of Precious Lumps Invested with Flavor of Romance.

Where the Largest Was Discovered and its Value-Ricked into a Fortune-Others Stumble tpon Wenith.

have produced a large yield of romances, nearly all of which turn directly or indi-

surface or marine, which was recom- small and great, have been as full of the In imagine. Nuggets worth thousands of dolhe mysteries of mining have stumbled upon them, picked them up and reaped in some cases bewildering rewards. There are instances even of men being absolutely kicked into fortune, men who but for the weaknesses and indiscretions which generally lead to failure would have gone on plodding and tolling in the routine of work from which nothing more than a bare subsistence could have resulted. By the fact of their own perversity, by the fact that they were discharged from employment and turned loose to wander as semi-tramps through the gold mining regions, they have been guided to wealth which was beyond their utmost dreams. This applies not merely to the discovery of great lumps of gold which have realized large sums, but to the discovery of pockets and mines which resulted in princely fortunes.

Thomas Jefferson Hurley, member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and of the American Geographical society, has just published a little book of sixtyfour pages, which in a condensed form gives not only very valuable statistics concerning the world's gold production, past and present, but also the exact facts, so far as they could be ascertained, about mining in a businesslike manner. Later he

"The largest nugget of which the world has any knowledge," says Mr. Hurley, "was fortune of over \$1,000,000. found at Hill End, New South Wales, by Poor Lo Lucky. Messrs. Byer and Haltman. It measured

business for a long period. Rich in Nuggets.

"No part of the world has been so prolific in the yield of nuggets as Victoria. Of ing. Among the most valuable finds recorded is that of the Welcome Stranger, which occurred about a mile west of the Dunolly, on February 15, 1869. This worldfamed nugget was found by two nuddlers. John Deason and Richard Oates, on the exeral Griggs has decided that the members (sandstone), in a loose, gravelly loam. It water and rolled the rock over several times. the great body of the Welcome Stranger was in solid gold.

become a member, but declined. Two other get rid of the adherent quarts, and thus could neither understand nor define, and he on account of the extensive groves of mens and pieces of gold before the nugget got into the hands of the bank managers. so that 98.66 per cent value at the Bank of England being \$47,670.

heavy gold was characteristic of the local- 'gold is where you find it.' ity, many large nuggets being found there; and near the spot where the Welcome Stranger was discovered two nuggets of 114 ounces and 36 ounces, respectively, were Nent Lump to Divide.

"The Welcome nugget, found by a party pounds of quartz, clay and exide of iron, gold. The other large nuggets, one weighing 480 ounces and the other 571 ounces, were unearthed in the immediate vicinity

three years before. thirteen it yielded 95.58 per cent of pure gold.

'Another party of four in the Canadian gully. Ballarat, at a depth of sixty feet bearing gravel. found a nugget weighing 1,519 ounces just after unearthing a nugget of 76 ounces. Two of the party had been in the colony in Alpine county looking for specks of gold, not more than three months when they yielded them \$27,660. Near the same gully their attention to their little ranch. One weighing 1.177 ounces 17 pennyweights was the family cow she was seeking stones to found and from the same hole upward of 229 throw for the amusement of the dog. She so that the value of gold taken from this stone and picked it up.

claim was not less than \$65,000. "The Heron nugget, found by two young which drew the scale at 1,008 ounces and realized \$20,460. The lucky finders had been only three months in the colony,

SOME FOUND UNDER CURIOUS CONDITIONS the Grizzly mountains to Camp Corons, the was sold to R. B. Woodward of San Fran- deposited? And what is to account for the Harte. The fail rains had begun and the tion purposes. When it was melted about other rock-salt beds known in the United streams were running high. On the night \$9,800 was realized. of November 17, almost stupid with drink, All the great gold fields of the world down the precipitous mountain sides. The it has yielded few valuable nuggets. The island is found a block of solid sait more away the old shack of a building. They Little, discovered a \$2,000 nugget, and the steep sides of the canyon. Both men | weighed 420 ounces and was worth \$6,700. drowned.

"Next day, November 18, toward noon, \$19,490. Another was found near Kelsey, when the waters had subsided Martin se-cured a pick and shovel and started to in 1867. Pilot Hill, a boulder of quartz bury his dead companion. He selected a gold, yielded \$8,000. This, with several not dug down two feet when he came upon Gravel claim, near Pilot Hill postoffice, the nugget. He made several tests before Several large and valuable gold nuggets he could convince himself that it was were discovered in Tuclumne county. suading anyone to go with him. At last a weighing 350 ounces and valued at \$6,500. miner consented, but carefully made the A Frenchman in Spring Gulch, near Columstatement that he was going to help bury bia, in the same county, found one of al-Fowler and not to carry nuggets, as he, most pure gold which was worth \$5,000, like others in the camp, placed no confi- The discovery made the miner insane on weighed eighty pounds and required the combined efforts of Oliver and his assistant to get it to the camp.

"Before starting both men staked claims, Martin, of course, claiming his where he had unearthed the big nugget. As soon as the news of the great find spread miners flocked in by hundreds, but, although the stream was carefully prospected for miles, nothing of any great value was found Martin considered that his find, in view of the peculiar circumstances attending it, was an act of Providence and he never touched intoxicants thereafter. With the money he got from the sale of his nugget he went to died in New Orleans a few years ago, leav-

Poor La Lucky.

"To a poor halfbreed Indian belongs the four feet nine inches in length, three feet credit of the second largest find in Cali- without the slightest admixture of any three inches in width and averaged four fornia. The scene of this discovery was a other mineral, and its quality is such that inches in thickness. It sold for \$148,000, spot that had been gone over time and one may take a block of 't and read a At the time of finding it Messrs. Byer and again by experienced prospectors and min- newspaper through it, just as if it wer be forthcoming promptly upon the assem- a seat in the cabinet; the bill to provide Haltman had exhausted their apital and ers. In 1861 a firm of young men from St. so much glass. were practically living on charity. It is Louis had been induced to invest in a big said that the discovery so unnerved one of placer claim in Nevada county. Old miners about 300 acres in extent, is underlaid by taken up under special order will be the pines, Japan and China; Representative the partners that he was unfit for work or laughed in their sleeves when they heard of one great body of salt, which is struck at he deal. The claim had never yielded more a depth of 100 feet or so. Mr. Jefferso han colors and promises and they regarded came across it while boring hopefully for it as a moribund proposition.

"But the new firm took hold with all the energy of young blood and abiding faith in their judgment and fortune. Sluices were built and the hunt for gold instituted with great vigor. Among the employes was the young halfbreel Indian. One evening when the men had gone to their tents for supper he went down to the creek to wash his village of Moliagul, in the neighborhood of overalls. The sluice and creek were so dirty that he could not see clearly beneath the surface. After spreading his overalls on the sluice boards to dry the Indian's treme margin of the patch of auriferous eyes were attracted by a big yellow rock in alluvium, within two feet of the bedrock the muddy stream. He got down into the of rock sait, which was seized soon after-He had never seen gold in any other form one inches in length and ten inches in he was rolling in the stream. He concluded thickness, and though mixed with quartz, that he had discovered some new kind of rock and went to his tent to sleep in peace. "Next morning, when he returned for his island, seven miles to the northwest, which "The lucky finders conveyed it to their overalls, he examined the curious rock was formerly known as Miller's island, but hut and heated it in the fire, in order to again. There was something about it he at first renamed by the actor Orange Island. reduced its weight before taking it to the called the foreman to inspect it. The orange trees planted by him there. bank at Dunoily. They also detached and trained eye of the experienced miner at the camp went crazy over the find. As the self exceedingly surprised-in this instance, story spread hundreds came long distances rather agreeably, however, inasmuch as he The melted gold weighed 2,268 ounces ten just to feast their eyes on the lump of gold pennyweights fourteen grains and and to poise it in their hands. It weighed of a block of salt worth an enormous forcontained only 1.75 of alloy, which sixty-five pounds and filled a peck measure.

was composed chiefly of silver and The firm sold the nugget to the Adams Exof press company for \$17,400 and presented before long, doubtless, it will be opened the nugget was pure gold. Including the each of their employes in the camp \$100. pleces given away to their friends by the giving the halfbreed \$300 extra for his luck deposit on Petite Anse. The method finders the nugget yielded 2,280 ounces, in making the find. The claim was after- adopted is very interesting, a shaft being equivalent to 2.248 cunces of pure gold, its ward worked over carefully, but while it yielded a moderate amount of dust no other The neighborhood of Dunolly was at that nugget larger than a pea was found, which vated along a level, the pickax being aided time almost unprospected country. Very is another proof of the miners' axiom that

Kicked Into a Fortune. "Two years ago a man was literally sait, mined without the use of a single kicked into a fortune. Louis Roderigo was stick of timbering. tischarged by the superintendent of the he hung around the mine imploring to be soon as a given level has been worked of twenty-four at Bakery Hill, Ballarat, on taken back. Finally he was kicked off the out on this plan the shaft is sunk another L. Flanders, assistant commissioner of ag- June 15, 1858, was sold by the discoverers in grounds. He procured a pick and shovel 100 feet and another series or story of riculture of New York state, endorsed the Ballarat for \$62,500, and, after being ex- and grub enough to last him for a week or chambers is excavated in the same man-Grout electmargarine bill now pending be- hibited for a season in Melbourne was two and started off prospecting in Bear ner. The great vaulted rooms constructed fore congress and advocated proposed leg- again disposed of for \$46,625. It then Creek, on the Pine Ridge, some seventyweighed 2,159 ounces, so that the price ob- five miles northwest of 'Frisco. Three of pure crystalline sait, present, especially tained was \$21 per cunce. This nugget was weeks later he returned with \$2,000 in gold. when scintillating under the strong illufrauds in the manufacture and sale of all found at a depth of 180 feet. It was ap- dust, which was panned out in less than a mination of a calcium or electric light, a

"Among the mining exhibits in the minand measured 26 inches in length, 12 inches | ing department of the World's fair at Chieago was a nugget of pure gold found in the subterranean abodes of fairles or other come was melted in London in November, Alpine county by a young woman. The his-1819, and contained 90.20 per cent of pure tory of the discovery of this chunk is cherished by every woman in the gold mining regions of California. Harry E. Ellis and his wife went to the state in 1874 from Philadelphia because of Ellis' serious lung "The Blanche Barkley nugget (1.743 trouble. They went to live up in the mounounces 13 pennyweights) of the value of tains of Alpine county, miles from any \$34,525, was found by a party of neighbor. They get their livelihood by. at Kingower at a depth of hunting and cultivating a few acres of land feet and within five or about their lonely cabin. Grizzled old gold six feet of heles that were dug three years miners, with their jackasses laden with before. Previous to its being melted the grimy camp outfits and blankets, came by nugget was exhibited in Melbourne and at the Ellis cabin frequently. One of the men the Crystal Palace, London, where it was lay iil there for several weeks, while he an object of great interest, owing to its was nursed to health and vigor by the bulk, brightness and solidity, and for some Ellises. The miner told them how they time the fortunate owners netted an aver- might find recreation and profit in hunting age of \$250 a week gate receipts. On assay through the canyons and foothills in that region for pay dirt, and showed them where he believed there were indications of gold-

"For days at a time the young husband and wife tramped up and down the guiches but all without avail. They abandoned returned to England with their prize, which seeking riches in the placers and confined on September 8, 1854, a nugget of gold afternoon as Mrs. Ellis was driving home pounds of smaller nuggets were obtained. saw in the coarse gravel a dark, dull yellow

"I knew from the moment I picked it up,' says she, 'that I had found gold, bemen near Old Gelden Point, Fryer's Creek, cause it was so heavy; but as I had never Mount Alexander, was a solid lump of gold seen a real nugget I was afraid my husband would laugh at me.

"The nugget has never been utilized in gold working and is still kept for exhibition

spent his time in doing odd jobs and drink- twelve years ago by a New York goldsmith scribed is a profound mystery, no satisnk whisky around the intuing camps of after it had been used far and wide for ex- factory theory having yet been worked out Yuba, Tuolumne, El Dorado and Calaveras hibition purposes. In August, 1808, W. A. by geologists. It is imagined that the five counties. He didn't even own a pan, much Farish, A. Wood, J. Winstead, F. N. L. "Islands" are merely humps, so to speak. less a rocker or long tom. One of his boon Clevering and Harry Warner were partners on a continuous ridge of salt extending

companions was John Fowler, who was in the Monumental claim, near Sierra beneath the marshes from Atchafalaya equally shiftless and dissipated. Buttes, in Sierra county. In the last week bay fifteen miles northwest to Jefferson "One night in November, 1854, the two of that menth they discovered a gold nug- island and perhaps beyond. But how did were on their way from Beaton's Bar over get which weighed 1,503 ounces troy. It such immense bedies of salt come to be spot made famous in literature by Bret clsco, who paid for it \$13,500 for exhibi- astenishing purity of the material?

the two sought refuge in a deserted miner's ward the Oregon line and near the Modoc stone, sandstone, gypsum and other minbut. During the night a heavy rain, pelava bed is one of the richest counties in eral strata, so that the product of the culiar to the mountain ranges, set in. The California in minerals and has made a mines is more or less impure as it comes water fell in torrents and came pouring dozen men millionaires of several degrees, out. On the other hand, beneath Jefferson narrow canyon where Martin and Fowler largest was found by a Chinaman near the than 2,100 feet thick and containing no lay asleep and drunk was soon filled with mouth of Nelson creek. It was worth impurity whatever. It is simply table sait rushing waters, which threatened to sweep \$2,800. A miner in Elizabethtown, Archie of the finest quality and that is all. were awakened by the water pouring into Hays and Steadman found one above Mothe cabin and sought to escape by climbing hawk valley, near the county line, that were swept back into the flood and were "Eldorado county, where gold was first carried down the stream in the darkness, found in California, yielded the first big Martin was washed into a clump of live nugget found in that state. In 1850 a 121oaks and managed to lodge, clinging to the conce chunk of gold was dug out with a Purely vegetable. Never grips. Only 25c branches until merning, but Fowler was common spade from the bank of the Ameri- at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store. can river, near Lawson's Bar. It brought

sandy spot at the base of the cliff and had small nuggets, was taken from the Boulder really gold. The chunk was bigger than a 1853 a mass of gold weighing 350 cunces bull's head and too heavy for Martin to was found at Columbus. This was valued carry. He burried to Camp Corona to se- at \$5,625. At Gold Hill, in the same cure help. He had some dufficulty in per- county, a man named Virgin found one dence in Martin's story. The chunk the following day, and he was sent to the Stanton asylum. The nugget was sold and the money for it sent to his family tu

> For a Cold in the Head. LAXATIVE BROMO-QUININE TABLETS. BOB ACRES' SALT MINE.

Greatest Block of Table Salt Owned by Joseph Jefferson. Bob Acres Station, La., is two miles from efferson island, which is owned by Joseph Jefferson, the veteran American actor, relates the Washington Pest. He bought the property a few years ago for a winter residence, and it was entirely by accident far as they could be ascertained, about nearly all of the great nugget-finding over half a million in quartz mining. He situated directly over an immense mass of solid salt-the largest block of salt known to exist anywhere in the world. It is of the utmost purity, too, being wholly composed of the finest quality of table salt,

Apparently the whole island, which i mineral waters, and since then it has been penetrated through a vertical distance of 2,100 feet, or more than a third of a mile directly downward, without reaching the

bottom of it. This was accomplished by

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